

Agenda	February 2009 Organic Grower Awareness Meetings Lewistown – 02/03; Great Falls – 02/10; Scobey – 02/16
8:00 am	"Considering Organic – Is it Time?" <i>Introduction: Why are we here?</i> Speakers: MOA Representative, Doug Crabtree, Perri Walborn
8:15 am	Economics of Organic Production Speaker: Chad Lee, MDA <i>Organic vs. Conventional systems</i>
9:00 am	Organic Standards for Montana Producers Speaker: Doug Crabtree, MDA
9:45 am	Break
10:00 am	Certification Process and Fees Speaker: Sean Mulla, MDA
10:45 am	Economic Returns (Organic vs. No-Till) Prepared by: Dave Buschena, MSU Speaker: TBA <i>Organic Crop Prices</i>
11:30 am	Weed Management Principles Speaker: Fabian Menalled, MSU
12:15 pm	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCAT/ATTRA resources for organic farmers Speaker: Jeff Schahczenski, NCAT (12:25 – 12:45) • Extensions Role in Organic Agriculture, How MSU-Extension can assist landowners in transitioning. Speaker: Jim Knight, MSU (12:45 – 1:05)
1:20 pm	e-Organic Principle Speaker: Fabian Menalled, MSU
1:45 pm	Meet the Certifiers ~ OCIA and MDA
2:15 pm	Nutrient Management in Organic Systems Speaker: Clain Jones, MSU (Terry Rick, Scobey 2/16)
3:00	What to expect from an Organic Inspection Speaker: Lewistown – 02/03 Sean Mulla; Great Falls – 02/10 Bob Herdegen; Scobey – 02/16 Rob Knotts
3:30 pm	Break
3:40 pm	Panel of Organic Farmers, Organic Grain Millers and Presenters